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ARMACOST-GIAN TALK ON SAUDI MISSILES

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1. SUMMARY: ON INSTRUCTION MARCH 17 PRC CHARGE GIAN TOLD UNDERSECRETARY ARMACOST THAT

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ARMACOST ASKED FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MISSILE AND FOR A SINO-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON CONTROLLING THE GLOBAL PROLIFERATION OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY, AND IN PARTICULAR THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME.

OVER THE VOLATILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE POTENTIAL THAT OTHER-SOURCE NUCLEAR OR CHEMICAL WARHEADS MIGHT COME

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TO BE FITTED TO THE CHINESE DELIVERY VEHICLES. END

3. RECALLING THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD RAISED THE SAUDI MISSILE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WU AT DINNER MARCHYL, CHARGE QIAN YONGNIAN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RESPONSE (NOT QUITE VERBATIM):

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ARMACOST RESPONDED THAT THE US TOO REGARDS SAUDI ARABIA AS A SOURCE OF STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WELCOMES THE EVOLUTION OF SINO-SAUDI RELATIONS AS AN ADDITIONAL SUCH SOURCE. FROM BOTH STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC VIEWPOINTS WE REGARD THE SAUDIS AS IMPORTANT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF CHINA COULD PROVIDE SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION {QIAN INTERJECTED THAT HE HAD NO TECHNICAL INFORMATION AT HAND}:

- -- WHAT SYSTEM WAS SOLD?
- -- WHAT IS ITS RANGE?
- -- WHAT IS THE WARHEAD -- THE WEIGHT OF THE HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND THE WEIGHT OF THE OVERALL PAYLOAD INCLUDING THE REENTRY VEHICLE?
- -- WHAT IS ITS ACCURACY, IN TERMS OF METERS OR CIRCULAR ERROR OF PROBABILITY?

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